

## **Muir S Fairchild Research Information Center Fact Sheet**

**Mission** The Muir S Fairchild Research Information Center connects the Air Force professional to authoritative and relevant information resources through knowledgeable experts and tailored library tools.

**Vision Statement** We fuel Air Force research and connect the nation's Airmen to information that makes a difference.

### **General Information**

- Founded in 1946 as Air University Library
- In 2007 became known as Muir S Fairchild Research Information Center (MSFRIC)
- Largest military library in the United States
- Collection includes over 2.6 million items, subscriptions to 649 print journals, 16 newspapers, and 70 research databases
- Fifty-seven employees, including 31 professional librarians
- Branch library at the AF Senior NCO Academy on Gunter Annex
- Open 63.5 hours per week
- Member of LYRASIS, NAAL, and MERLN
- Website address <http://aulibrary.maxwell.af.mil>

### **Uniquely MSFRIC**

- Strengths include war fighting, aeronautics, Air Force and DOD operations, military sciences, international relations, education, leadership, and management
- AULIMP — an online index to military periodicals, published in-house since 1949
- Over 200 bibliographies on a variety of current topics
- Subject experts, geographic specialists, & school liaisons assigned to the Air University schools ready to assist with in-depth student research

### **Services**

- REFERENCE DESK—for getting personal expert help
- CIRCULATION DESK—for borrowing library materials, laptops, and equipment
- RESERVE SHELVES— for easy access to required readings for courses
- INTERLIBRARY LOAN—for borrowing from other libraries' collections
- MAP ROOM—for cartographic support on student projects

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